

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Please add the following new claim:

a3 38. A heat exchanger comprising:
a heating medium channel for passing a high-temperature heating medium;
a fuel channel provided adjacent to the heating medium channel and
separated from the heating medium channels through a partition wall, the fuel channels
being supplied with liquid fuel from above the heating medium channels to vaporize the liquid
fuel by heat exchange with the high-temperature heating medium; a fuel supply plate provided
above the heat medium channels, the fuel supply plate having a plurality of holes for passing the
liquid fuel; and
avoiding portions for preventing the liquid fuel, which are flown out from the adjacent
holes, from being mixed with each other.